deep sampling, seabed mapping by geological geophysical and geochemical survey in EEZ and beyond EEZ areas, investigations on Barren Islands and geotechnical investigation for ports and harbours.

Quantum of Bauxite in Chhattisgarh

†2024. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of bauxite assessed in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the quantum of bauxite assessed in different areas of the State alongwith the names of these areas;

(c) the quantum of consumption and requirement of bauxite for the industries situated in the State and the quantum demanded to be sent outside the State;

(d) the quantum of bauxite for mining of which lease has been demanded by the Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Ltd., Ambikapur alongwith the purpose thereof; and

(e) the details of the permission given to this company for bauxite mining by the Central and State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) As per available information, the total resources of bauxite in the Chhattisgarh are placed at 149.6 million tonnes. The district-wise resources of bauxite in Chhattisgarh are given below:

('000 tonnes)

District	Total Resources
Bastar	982.13
Bilaspur	4411.5
Dantewara	483
Jashpur	8257.45
Kanker	47066
Kawaradha	7857
Korba	1385.9
Raigarh	3949.86
Surguja	68099.83
Kabirdham	7110

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Schemes for the religious and linguistic minorities in the country

2025. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of religious and linguistic minorities in the country, Statre-wise and religious and linguistic minority-wise;

(b) the schemes and programmes implemented for the poor and weaker sections of the religious and linguistic minorities in the country, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of loans provided by the National Minorities Development Finance Corporation to the religious and linguistic minorities during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh, year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) whether any complaints have been received from Andhra Pradesh regarding non-sanctioning of loans to poor minorities by NMDFC and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) The Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notifed as minority communities under section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Linguistic minorities have not been defined in the Constitution or by any statute. They get defined when their mother tongue differs from the regional language of the area. They are identified by the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations on the basis of the Census data.

The details of religious minorities are available in the "Census of India 2001- "The First Report on Religion Data" published by Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India. The details of linguistic minorities, State-wise, are given in Chapter III of the 40th Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities already tabled in the House on 16.08.2004. This is also available at the website.

(b) The Prime Minister's New 15 point programme for the Welfare of Minorities seeks to enhance educational opportunities, ensure equitable